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REMARKS

Claims 24-36 are pending. Claim 24 has been amended. Claims 30-36 are indicated as being allowed.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Okoronkwo for taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview on May 29, 2009. During the interview, the amendments presented above were provided to the Examiner and discussed. Examiner Okoronkwo indicated that these amendments would overcome the Section 101 rejection of claims 24-29. Thus, agreement was reached.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 24-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Office Action asserts that “there is neither mention of any tangible hardware elements in the claim limitations nor any description of the tangible characteristics of the elements within the claim language.” In response, the applicants have amended claim 24 to expressly recite a “processing unit” and a “memory” and have tied any software elements to their respective execution on the processing unit. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendment to claim 24, the applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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